# **Educational Background**

B.A. Music **Montclair State University** 

Manhattan School of Music M.M. Piano/Music History

**New York University** Ph.D. Music Theory & Analysis/Piano

# **Teaching Background**

**New York University** 1979-84 **Assistant Professor** 

1984-92 Associate Professor **New York University** 

'92-present Professor **New York University** 

Head, Department Chair **'95-2006 New York University** 

**New York University** 2006-Director

#### **Selected Professional Activities**

June, 2007 release in Scandinavia and Europe of documentary film Denmark:

on music copyright (Copy Good, Copy Bad) in which I am

interviewed

May, 2007, interviewed on Irish radio regarding music copyright Ireland:

January, 2007, Opening and Closing Speaker for a Conference co-New York:

> sponsored by The New York Philharmonic, the Finnish Consulate, and New York University on Music Learning and Performance in

Finland

November, 2006, invited panelist at the CMJ Conference at Lincoln New York:

Center regarding music copyright

New York: June, 2006, invited panelist at the Remix Conference regarding

music copyright

March, 2006, invited presentation to the New York Institute for the New York:

**Humanities regarding music copyright** 

January, 2006, invited Keynote Address for The Mastery of Teaching New York:

Conference sponsored by The Metropolitan Opera Guild, The New

York Philharmonic, and New York University

Washington

D.C.: September 2005, invited panelist/presenter at the Future of Music

Policy Summit regarding music copyright

June 2005, invited group discussion leader at the United Nations New York:

regarding rhythm in music of multiple cultures as part of the U.N.'s World Summit on the "Information Society" and the United Nations

Information and Communications Technology Task Force

Cambridge: April 2005, invited panelist/presenter at Harvard Law School's

Berkman Center, national conference regarding technology and

intellectual property

April 2005, invited music copyright expert presentation at Columbia New York:

Law School, class on Federal Courts Litigation: Trademark and

Copyright

April 2005, invited lecture regarding music copyright in Los Angeles L.A.:

for an NYU Alumni event

March 2005, Invited lecture regarding music copyright in Orlando, Orlando:

Florida for an NYU Alumni event

St. Pete: March 2005, invited piano lecture/recital at Eckerd College, St.

Petersberg, Florida, philosophy and music analysis

Hawaii: January 2004, invited workshop presentation and session chair

> regarding methodology inherent in the analysis of a J. S. Bach organ prejude for the International Conference on Arts and the Humanities

June 2003, invited series of lectures over three days on music theory Norway:

> and analysis co-sponsored by the Music Theory and Composition Departments of the Norwegian Music Academy and the Department

of Philosophy of the University of Oslo

New York: December 2001, invited chair of a panel at The United Nations

regarding "Music within a Global Context."

Pianist Performed solo recitals and performances as accompanist and

soloist in the United States and Europe as well as solo performances on radio and television. Recordings for Orion Master Recordings and Musique International. In previous years, pianist for musical theatre shows, the New Jersey State Opera, accompanist to

internationally acclaimed singers, and session pianist in pop styles.

#### **Awards**

1972 Stoekel Fellowship, Yale University Graduate School of Music,

Summer: Chamber Music

1985 Presidential Research Fellowship, NYU

1988 Federal Grant for Research

1989 Federal Grant for Research renewed

1996 Daniel E. Griffiths Award for research regarding Arthur

Schopenhauer's theory of music, published by Cambridge University

Press, 1996.

#### **Professional Organizations**

**American Musicological Society** 

American Society for Aesthetics and Art Criticism

**College Music Society** 

**Husserl Circle** 

**Music Educators National Conference** 

**Music Teachers National Association** 

**New England Conference of Music Theorists** 

New York State Association of College Music Programs

New York State, Schools of Music Association

**Percussive Arts Society** 

Sinfonia

**Society for Music Theory** 

**Publications: Books** 

Ferrara, Lawrence Philosophy and the Analysis of Music: Bridges to

Musical Sound, Form and Reference. (Greenwood

Press) 1991.

Ferrara, Lawrence and

Kathryn E. Ferrara Keyboard Harmony and Improvisation. (Excelsior Music

Publishers) 1986.

Phelps, Roger, Lawrence

**Ferrara and Thomas** 

Goolsby

Guide to Research in Music Education, Fourth Edition.

(Scarecrow Press) 1993.

Phelps, Roger, Lawrence

Ferrara, et al

Guide to Research in Music Education, Fifth Edition.

(Scarecrow Press) 2005.

Publications: Articles (since 1995)

"Hermeneutic Issues in Qualitative Research," Philosophy of Music Education Review, Vol. 3, Number 1, 1995, 10-20.

"Phenomenology in Music," with Betsy Behnke, Encyclopedia of Phenomenology, Lester Embree, ed., Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Kluwer, 1997, 467-473.

"Schopenhauer on Music as the Embodiment of Will," Schopenhauer, Philosophy, and the Arts, Dale Jacquette, ed., Cambridge, England: Cambridge University Press, 1996, 183-199.

## Courses Taught at NYU

Aesthetic Foundations of the Arts: Doctoral class

Aesthetic Inquiry: Doctoral class

Arts Heritage and Criticism: Graduate class

**Contemporary Music: Graduate class** 

**Dissertation Proposal Seminar: Doctoral class** 

Form and Analysis: Undergraduate class

Keyboard Harmony and Improvisation: Undergraduate class

Music Criticism: Graduate class

Music in the Classic Era: Graduate class

Music History II, Baroque and Classic Periods: Undergraduate class

Music History III, 19th Century Music: Undergraduate class

Music History IV, Music in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries: Undergraduate class

Music Performance Practices: Graduate class

Music Reference and Research Methods: Graduate class

Music Theory: Undergraduate class

Performing Arts in Western Culture: Undergraduate class

Seminar in Music Theory and Analysis: Graduate class

## **Music Copyright**

A music expert in music copyright infringement issues on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants.

## **Depositions and Trials since 1999**

Testimony given in: (1) <u>Dimmie v. Carey et al</u> in 1999; (2) <u>Tisi v. Patrick et al</u> in 2000; (3) <u>Jean v. Bug Music</u> in 2001; (4) <u>Newton v. Michael Diamond et al</u> in 2001; (5) <u>Calvin Johnson v. Allen Gordon, et al</u> in 2002; (6) <u>Loussier v. Universal Music Group, Inc., et al</u> in 2003; (7) <u>Michael A. Lowe v. Loud Records, et al</u> in 2003; (8) <u>Billy Frank Davis and Billy Davis Rodem Tunes v. Bradley Kirk Arnold, et al</u> in 2003; (9) <u>Boone v. Jackson, et al</u> in 2004; (10) <u>Davis v. Blige, et al</u> in 2004; (11) <u>Lassin et al v. Island Def Jam Music Group et al</u> in 2005; (12) <u>Bridgeport v. Bad Boy Entertainment et al</u> in 2006; (13) <u>Pyatt v. Jean et al</u> in 2006; (14) <u>Rondor Music International et al</u> v. TVT Records in 2006; (15) <u>BMS Entertainment v. Bridges et al</u> in 2006; (16) <u>Frost et al</u> v. Bridges et al in 2006; (17) <u>TVT Music v. Slip N' Slide Records et al</u> in 2006; and (18) <u>Lil' Joe Wein Music v. Jackson et al</u> in 2006.

## Fee rate for professional services:

- \$325 per hour for research related activities and meetings plus any travel-related expenses
- \$400 per hour for deposition and trial testimony plus any travel-related time and expenses

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Music and Performing Arts Professions Dr. Lawrence Ferrara Professor and Director

Music Theory, Piano, Research Methods, Music Copyright

Lawrence Ferrara, pianist, music theorist with expertise in music copyright. Piano studies with Gustave Ferri, Genia Robinor, Murray Present, Robert Goldsand, and Donald Currier. Chamber Music with Artur Balsam and Raphael Bronstein. Recordings for Orion Master Recordings and Musique International. Performances throughout North America and Europe including radio and television. Reviews by New York Times and other newspapers. Author and/or co-author of three books and numerous contributions to American and foreign journals on music theory, keyboard harmony and improvisation, philosophy of music, aesthetics, research methodologies, music education, and medical issues for musical performers. For example, A Guide to Research in Music Education (written with Roger Phelps) has been a standard text used throughout North America and enjoyed a Fifth Edition released in 2005.

Regarding Dr. Ferrara's critically acclaimed book, *Philosophy and the Analysis of Music: Bridges to Musical Sound, Form and Reference*, reviewers have written:

- "He brings to this enterprise an accomplished analytical technique...In a tour de force, Ferrara leads us through Bartok's Improvisation No. 3 Opus 20 in an eclectic analysis par excellence...the writing and presentation are often quite brilliant, i.e., lucidly conceived and written with distinct literary skills...I think this is the great merit of Ferrara's method: he works from within both the musical and philosophical experience and is expert in both." (F. Joseph Smith, founding editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Musicological Research*);
- "One could read the chapters on phenomenology and hermeneutics, nearly a third of the book, and benefit from Ferrara's unusual ability to explain a difficult tradition in modern philosophy...One could read the chapters on referential meaning and the phenomenological analysis of music and gain an excellent sense of the issues and contributions in these areas...for his expositions are invariably clear, comprehensive, and judicious...that Ferrara undertakes all these methodically and in detail testifies to the seriousness of his undertaking and that he does it so well reveals the unusual breadth of his competence." (Arnold Berleant, review in *The Canadian Review of Philosophy*);
- "Lawrence Ferrara is a consummate philosopher who brings to his philosophizing both the special interpretive skills of the performer and those of the musicologist...The outcome is an excellent study, pioneering in the best sense and

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rewarding." (Jose Huertas-Jourda, Department of Philosophy, Wilfred Laurier University, review in the journal, *Phenomenology and the Human Sciences*);

- "Ferrara's book represents a truly exemplary case, from more than one perspective...The air that one breathes throughout this book is that of a new synthesis that would harmonize sense and technique...here there is a characteristic depth of discussion and thorough attention to the critical traditions that engage each successive issue as it appears. This demonstrates a rarely seen competence on both the musicological and philosophical planes...conclusively confirming the merits of Lawrence Ferrara's text...." (Giovanni Piana, Department of Philosophy, University of Milan, written in Italian in the journal, *Axiomathes*);
- "Ferrara's book is bold and scholarly...Its range and its quality are impressive...It is rich in its references. It is a very good book." (Thomas F. Cloonan, review in *Journal of Phenomenological Psychology*)

At NYU, Dr. Ferrara has been The Director of Music Performance Programs and later, Director of Doctoral Studies of Steinhardt Music and Performing Arts. Since 1995 he has been Chair and Director leading 300 faculty and over 1,500 students who major in bachelors, masters and doctoral programs in music and the performing arts professions.

Dr. Ferrara sits on the Editorial Board of the journals, *Arts Praxis* and *Music and Moving Image*, was Associate Editor of *Journal of Qualitative Evaluation in the Arts*, and a member of the editorial board *New York University Education Quarterly*. He has been co-P.I. on federal and foundation grants for research in performing arts medicine. He was Vice President and co-founder of MedArt International, a non-profit federation of physicians and artists fostering research that bridges the arts to medicine. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Music Business Department at Loyola University, New Orleans. Dr. Ferrara was a winner of a Presidential Fellowship and the Daniel E. Griffiths Award for research, the latter regarding his work on Schopenhauer's philosophy of music (published 1996, Cambridge University Press).

Dr. Ferrara is an active music copyright consultant for all major record, music publishing and motion picture companies as well as numerous independent companies in issues involving numerous composer/artists including: Andrew Lloyd Webber, Paul McCartney, Elton John, Billy Joel, Bob Dylan, Gloria Estefan, Paul Simon, Jay Z, Eminem, Dr. Dre, Prince, Bruce Springsteen, Madonna, Janet Jackson, Sean Combs, Ludacris, Mariah Carey, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson, Missy Elliott, 50 Cent, Wyclef Jean, (the late) James Brown, Marc Anthony, Hillary Duff, (the late) Notrious B.I.G., DMX, Alicia Keys, Ice-T, (the late) Luther Vandross, Enrique Iglesias, Tom Petty, (the late) Tupac, Shania Twain, Toby Keith, Merle Haggard, Mary J. Blige, Mtume, Usher, and Jennifer Lopez as well as numerous groups such as 3 Doors Down, Nirvana, Beastie Boys, Lil' Jon & The East Side Boyz, N'Sync, Filter, U2, Wu Tang, Train, Real McCoy, SWV, Linkin Park, and War.

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